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Paralympic flame pair given no 'recognition'



■ DAVID Wallis (left) and Ian White are cheered by crowds as they hold the Paralympic flame lantern in August 2012

TWO Weymouth Paralympic flame ambassadors claim they have been snubbed by London 2012 bosses and denied a souvenir recognising their efforts.

Wheelchair-bound Ian White is campaigning on behalf of himself and fellow flame ambassador, partially sighted David Wallis, to receive the same style of souvenir recognition given to other Olympic ambassadors.

Ian said: "Meet and greet ambassadors received a souvenir baton while torch runners were either given a torch or the opportunity to buy one."

"All David and I have received is a piece of card thanking us for our part in the 2012 torch relay - and they even got that wrong be-

cause we didn't take part in the torch relay."

"We were actually ambassadors for the flame having collected it from London and brought it to Weymouth. "I felt so strongly about being snubbed that I wrote to Lord Coe, who didn't even reply."

"I then contacted the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, which Lord Coe led, about the possibility of getting an engraved disk similar to that on the flame lantern. They told me that souvenirs were available from their shop!"

"That really made me angry, so I wrote to Prime Minister David Cameron and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and asked for their help. They both replied and told me to contact the Department of Culture, Media and Sports which I did."

"The department replied that all torch bearers were given an opportunity to buy a torch, but they completely missed the fact that neither David nor I were torch bearers. We were flame ambassadors."

"They also said that flame ambassadors were not their responsibility but that of the local authority which was Weymouth and Portland council and that costs meant the department didn't have enough lanterns to allow all flame ambassadors to have one."

"But we weren't asking LOCOG for a lantern. All we wanted was a replica of the silver disk on the original lantern."

"All this has convinced me that claims about the huge advances made in recognition for disabled people thanks to the Paralympic Games is not as great as the Government would have people believe and it is still a case of 'out of sight out of mind'."

"Surely what David, myself and other flame ambassadors did is worth recognising with something as simple as a metal disk."

"Weymouth and Portland looked after us wonderfully well, but I feel badly let down and almost ignored by LOCOG."

Fellow flame ambassador David Wallis agreed and said: "I feel we should have some form of recognition and I strongly support Ian's efforts."

Weymouth and Portland culture and tourism spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce said: "I was very sorry to hear how our Flame Ambassadors felt LOCOG had let them down in not providing a copy of the silver disc that was on the Davy Lamp."

"I have been trying to help them but I suspect, with LOCOG now being run down, that their quest is going to be unsuccessful."

"I have been able to confirm with Weymouth and

Portland London 2012 operations head Simon Williams that he would be able to give Ian White and David Wallis two batons and, while Ian and David are not happy to accept these at this stage of their quest for silver discs, I have asked Simon to keep two batons available in case they do want to accept these as mementos of their work as our Flame Ambassadors."

The original Weymouth and Portland Paralympic Games lantern and disk are on display in the Mayor's Parlour.



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IN March 2011, young architectural consultant Jim Larcombe decided to go it alone and set up his own business.

Despite doing so in the middle of a recession, his Lyme Regis-based company, named Jim Larcombe Architectural Consultant, has gone from strength to strength and he has just opened a new office having previously worked from home.

Jim, 22, was born and bred in Lyme Regis, attending the Woodroffe School before gaining an ONC and HNC in Building Studies at Exeter College.

● WHY did you decide to set up your own business?

The idea of setting up my own business has always appealed to me and, with plenty of local contacts through Lyme Regis Football Club and friends of the family, I gradually started picking up private work. People thought I was mad setting up a business in the middle of a recession but I always had plenty of support and it has certainly paid off. To date, I have taken on over 120 projects in slightly under two years. I currently have freelance help from an RIBA registered architect, a couple of architectural technicians and some office help - business is booming!

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● WHAT would your ideal architectural job be?

I would love to get my hands on a new housing estate and design some contemporary new builds rather than your traditional pitched roof, uninspiring new builds that are so common these days. We are so fortunate to be in an area with fantastic countryside and coastal views that need to be maximised.

● HOW do you hope to expand your business in the future?



Within the next five years I am hoping to open another office, not far from Lyme Regis, and try to maximise the current workflow. This will not only establish the business outside of Lyme Regis but also provide more jobs for local people, which is something I am all for.

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I have been quite fortunate to help Mrs Ethelston's Primary School in Uplyme try to obtain planning permission for a new school. I approached a team of volunteers in May 2011 with a view to help in whatever capacity. It was early days of being self-employed and I wanted to try and integrate myself into projects going on in the local area. I was later appointed along with three other consultants to assist the school on an outline planning application, which was successful. The school had been trying to obtain permission on this site for around 25 years and to be part of a team that helped to achieve this gave me great satisfaction.

● WHAT do you like about living in Lyme Regis?

I have a great passion for the town and it gives me great pleasure to have an office in Lyme and I'm fortunate to still be able to live here. I love the fact that you are no more than a 10-minute walk to the seafront, although the walk back up the hill isn't so enjoyable!

● WHAT would you add to the area if you could?

The town is crying out for low-cost housing. It is extremely hard to be able to work in the town and afford to buy a house here. I am willing to help any potential developers who would be interested in trying to provide this option to first-time buyers. Also, having moved into my new office three weeks ago in Church Street and seeing near miss after near miss right outside my window, it would be nice to see a one-way system put in place, or traffic lights to be installed further up the road towards the London Inn.

● WHAT are your personal interests?

I'm a member of Lyme Regis Football Club and it is something that I am only too happy to help out with in whatever way possible. I have been involved with the club since I was four years old. If you haven't been up there, I strongly recommend giving it a try. I was fortunate to be able to help out when it came to building new changing facilities and I designed the extension. Granted, the building isn't the most aesthetically pleasing in the world now but it provides the additional space required. It's something the whole club should be very proud of.

● WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?

Obviously I would build my own house, it's a dream that I hope comes true one day. I would also invest in new premises for the business and attempt to create as many new jobs within the town as possible. I would make sure that the football club was financially sound and would donate money to both Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation.

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Anger over loss of bus services

RESIDENTS are being asked to help shape the future of the public transport network in Dorset.

Dorset County Council is consulting with members of the public to find out what their travel priorities are, which will help important decisions to be made about the future of local bus services.

Although the majority of local bus services in Dorset are operated by bus companies on a commercial basis, the county council subsidises many socially necessary bus services through contracts with bus operators.

At the moment, around 11 million individual journeys each year are made by bus in Dorset with about 25% of these being made on these subsidised services.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for highways and transportation, said: "We want as many people as possible to complete our questionnaire about how they use public transport.

"Subsidised bus services cost nearly £3m a year and we want to make sure that this money is being spent supporting as many essential needs as possible, while at the same time providing value for money.

"We are continuing to work with bus operators to encourage them to run as many services as possible without subsidy, where routes are commercially viable."

Questionnaires can be completed online or downloaded from www.dorsetforyou.com/bus-consultation, where a list of the subsidised local bus services can also be found.

A separate questionnaire is available for people who use, or are thinking of using, community transport such as community car or community bus schemes.

The deadline for the submission of these surveys is Monday 15 April 2013.

For further information on the consultation please visit www.dorsetforyou.com/busconsultation or telephone 01305 224535.

MORE than 200 people attended an angry public protest at plans to slash local bus services.

Sweeping proposals by bus company First will see service cuts isolate Weymouth's Southill community and others like it such as Sutton Poyntz.

A crowd swiftly built up at the bus stop outside the John Gregory pub at Southill to demonstrate against the loss of their bus service under extensive route and timetable changes that First plans to bring in for South and West Dorset on March 24th.

Among proposals are scrapping Southill's 5 and 5A services and Sutton Poyntz's 4B service.

First claimed it had thought carefully about the moves and had to bear in mind commercial viability, but Save Our Bus protesters led by county councillor David Harris roundly condemned the loss.

Among protesters was ex-First bus driver Reg Strathearn who lives at Southill.

He said: "I think it is shambolic, a disgrace. I used to drive the Southill route and you've got a lot of elderly people here. If they can't drive they are going to be trapped in their homes. How does First expect them to get into town?

"I don't think First has

the backbone to listen to what residents and councillors have been saying."

Mr Harris said: "First does not seem to want to run a proper service which would attract customers from this part of the bor-

ough. There are various solutions which we think are more profitable if only First was prepared to try them.

"One is to have a much more regular service which can take people to work, school, the shops and to weekend events. "A second solution is to run a bus from Dorchester Road to town through Radipole Village and Southill, enabling people to catch it in both directions and have easier journeys to Dorchester and to Weymouth supermarkets, but First don't seem to be interested at all in either idea.

"There is no other community in Dorset of Southill's size yet it faces being cut off."

Mr Harris pledged to challenge Dorset County Council to subsidise a Southill service and to ask for a meeting with First at regional level to discuss the crisis.

He also said that talks were being held between the county council and Damory Coaches about the possibility of taking up the Southill service if First does abandon it.

No one from First attended the protest, but the company's South West and

Wales regional network manager Simon Ford said in a statement that changes were largely designed to improve things such as route punctuality and reliability.

But he admitted: "We are also making a handful of changes to some other routes which are necessary to ensure the long term viability of our business. We understand and regret that the latter will be unpopular, but unfortunately we have no choice other than to introduce them.

"Where routes are being amended or lost it is because very few people are carried on board them and the revenue taken does not match the costs of operating the journeys.

"This is an issue that is further compounded by the fact that of those people using the affected services many are concessionary pass holders and at present the level of concessionary fare reimbursement that operators like First receive for these people travelling is relatively low. This makes it much harder for us to sustain these journeys.

"Decisions like this are never taken lightly as we do understand the impact they can have on local people, particularly where older people rely on the routes, but in the current financial climate we are unable to sustain loss making routes and so have had to

take steps to address this."

He added that there were positives including the introduction of evening journeys on Service 10 and the routing of all Service 10 buses to operate via Broad-

way and Upwey, responding in part to a local campaign asking for evening journeys between Dorchester and Weymouth running via Broadway and Upwey to be reinstated.

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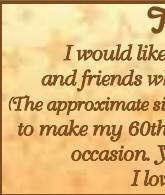
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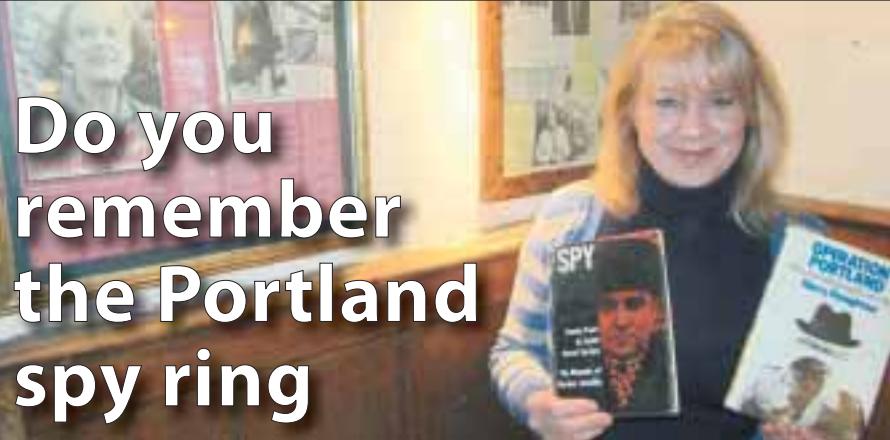
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□ DEBBIE Hughes landlady of the Elm Tree Inn where the spies used to meet

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of money and get very, very loud – hardly the actions of people passing on secrets!

A lot of people who were colleagues of the three used to see them in the Elm Tree without knowing what they were doing.

Nowadays we get a lot of visitors coming into the pub, reading our framed stories about the spy ring and asking questions.

I decided that, with so much interest, it would be a great idea to get together some of those who knew Houghton and Gee, worked with them or were connected in some way with the incidents of the time.

If all goes well then the evening will be held in a few months time.

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Steel heroes and portrait bench to be unveiled on Rodwell Trail

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RESIDENTS are being invited to join Sustrans and Dorset County Council to celebrate the installation of Weymouth's newest artwork on Friday, February 22nd at 11am.

The event will held at Westham Halt at the Abbotsbury Road end of the Rodwell Trail will unveil the portrait bench, an innovative national art project developed by the charity Sustrans to immortalise local people who have played a key role in the life of their local communities.

seen a much needed bridge over Newstead Road and a new safer crossing at Ferrybridge.

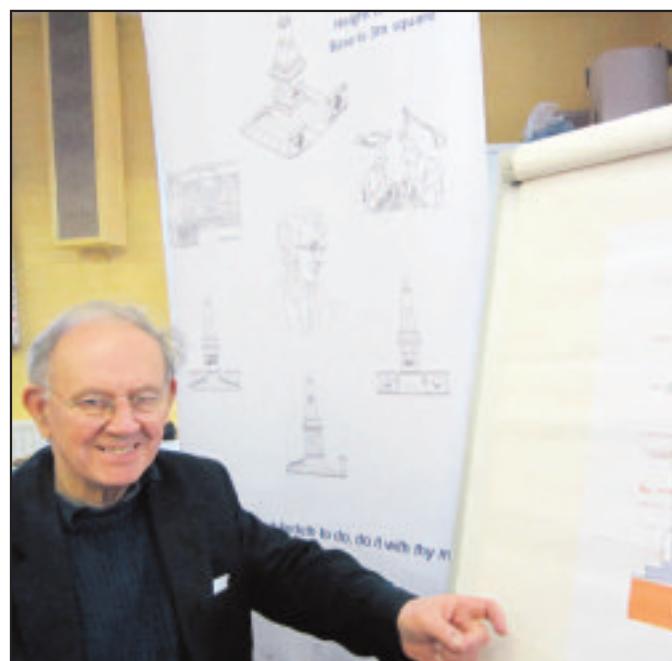
Kevin Humphreys from Sustrans, said: "We know that people are more likely to walk or cycle for their everyday journeys when they find the environment around them attractive and interesting. I'm delighted that the local community has adopted it as part of their community garden initiative."

County cabinet member for highways and transportation Peter

Finney said: "The portrait bench will provide another focal point along this popular route and will encourage people to stop and reflect on Weymouth and Portland's maritime past, present and future."

The scheme is part of a national project from Sustrans, creating new everyday walking and cycling routes in communities across the UK. The national project received £50million from the Big Lottery Fund, with part of that money making its way to Weymouth alongside local funding.

Plans for Buxton monument take shape



■ JOHN FANNON with sketches and plans for the monument

Positive plans at business breakfast



■ NETWORKING: The first business breakfast at Westham, Weymouth

NEARLY 20 people attended the first ever business breakfast in Westham, Weymouth.

The event at the new Community Safety Centre off Radipole Lane was organised by county councillor David Harris and borough councillor Lucy Hamilton.

Councillor Hamilton said: "We want to work with businesses in Westham to find out how the borough can support them and how the local community can help those businesses.

"This business breakfast was a networking event of shared experiences and shared ideas because we are trying to find out how we can support businesses through the worst recession anyone can remember."

"For me it is about jobs. That is what I am passionate about because the current system penalises those out of work. I want to help businesses to grow and create more jobs."

A presentation given to breakfast visitors was led by Weymouth and Portland council and supported by Westham Community Group whose secretary David Harris said: "It was a groundbreaking meeting and we were delighted at the enthusiasm of those present."

The Oh Crumbs cafe at the safety centre was an ideal venue and we

DETAILS of a new monument were given when the Thomas Foxwell Buxton Society held its annual meeting in Weymouth.

Buxton, a former Weymouth MP, was instrumental in ending slavery in the British Empire through an Act of Parliament in 1833.

The society plans to unveil a monument to Buxton, but no definite site has been decided on yet.

Chairman John Fannon told the meeting that the monument will consist of a base, a plinth with an obelisk on top surmounted by a ball finial.

He added: "The whole of the structure will sit on two steps which will be on a slabbed pavement.

"We might still be able to site the monument on Manor Roundabout, but we are keeping all our options open at this time.

"We have been offered sites at Bincleaves and at Bowleaze by the council

with Bincleaves the favourite choice of the council, which says putting the monument there would help regeneration for the area.

"However, no decision has been taken yet and we also need to consider finances."

He added that the society's big push this year would be fundraising for the monument, the meeting going on to discuss various ideas such as business sponsorship, sales, fêtes and raffles.

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CLOUDS of musket smoke drifted through town as Royalists clashed with Parliamentarians in a recreation of the English Civil War Battle of Weymouth in 1645.

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The attempt failed but the modern event in Weymouth was a huge success.

Visitors were able to enjoy everything from a pitched battle on the beach in front of nearly 1,000 spectators to living history exhibitions in the Old Town Hall and the new Weymouth Timewalk Heritage and Visitor Centre.

There were also costumed marches through town by the two warring sides, history talks and music from The Dolmen who appeared at a special Weymouth College Bay Theatre event with historian Professor Ronald Hutton and author Kit Berry.

Cavaliers and Roundheads walked together for a re-enactment march from Sandsfoot Castle to the Old Town Hall, Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Margaret Leicester later taking the salute on the steps of Holy Trinity Church with Henry Digby, son of Lord Digby who is a direct descendant of Charles I's senior military advisor George Digby.

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Mrs Leicester said: "These historical re-enactments are very interesting and they give the younger generation an insight into the past. They learn more with living history."

Mr Digby said: "I think it is fantastic. I have been brought up with history and there are very few countries which haven't been built on a civil war. It creates the bedrock of a cohesive society."

Everyone enjoyed themselves but the reality of 1645 was that hundreds

of soldiers died including a brave rearguard of 250 Irish soldiers.

Their bravery helped the Royalist army escape, but the Irish were eventually caught between two blocks of pikemen and they were forced into the harbour where they drowned or were shot by the Parliamentarians.

Festival organiser Dave Allan was delighted at the event's success and said: "It was great practice ahead of a big event we are planning for 2015 to mark the 370th anniversary of the Battle of Weymouth when we hope to have up to 2,000 re-enactors and living history enthusiasts taking part."



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Falls and cracks cause cliff path closure

CLIFF falls have forced the closure of coastal footpaths in the Castle Cove and Bincombe area of Weymouth. The access path to the beach at Castle Cove has been closed for public safety reasons.

It comes after the cliff next to the flight of steps down to the beach failed and cracks opened up across the path's surface. The condition of the path and steps down to the beach will be monitored during coming weeks.

Weymouth and Portland and Dorset county councils will be working together to try to maintain an access route to Castle Cove beach.

Another cliff fall has forced the closure of the footpath from Bincombe open space above the Western Ledges.

The coast path in the Castle Cove and Bincombe area, which was diverted inland due to landslips several years ago, is unaffected.

Brewers Quay could reopen next month

WEYMOUTH'S popular Brewers Quay attraction could re-open by the end of March.

The complex of shops which included the Timewalk tour has been closed for two years.

Ambitious plans for the site had originally included a hotel, apartments, shops and a restaurant as well as a new and bigger home for Weymouth Museum.

But the hotel chain pulled out and the prominent site in Hope Square remained empty until pop-up bar Salt and some shops appeared during the Olympics last year.

Now owners Brewers Quay Investments hope to open an antiques market with up to 50 traders, a restaurant, a small military museum, a cafe and offices.

Weymouth Museum Trust is also holding talks with BQI about its role in the giant building (see page 10).



■ OPEN! MP Richard Drax (right) cuts the ribbon for the new post office with Matthew Bumphrey

Praise all round for bright new PO

WEYMOUTH Post Office's move to new premises has been given a stamp of approval by South Dorset MP Richard Drax cutting a ribbon to officially open the facility.

The site at the top of St Thomas Street is managed by Lisa Toombs who said: "It is my first post office management and it is very exciting.

"People like its brightness and we have had very positive feedback from the public. It is also lovely that Thornton's chocolates have been able to join us at the front of the building."

Among those welcoming cus-

tomers was Jennie Balston who served the last customer in the old premises and the first customer in the new premises.

She said: "I love it here. I like the brightness and the contact with people because the new post office is a lot more personal."

The new site and Thornton's employs a total of 17 staff and post officer operator Matthew Bumphrey said: "Compared to the old branch it is brighter, cleaner and suits the modern post office environment.

"Staff have been really positive about the move and I hope we are

here for many years to come."

He added that the first week of opening saw 400 more customers served than in the same week at the old premises in 2012.

Mr Drax said: "It is very friendly, it is much more open and the staff like it."

The new opening hours are Monday to Thursday 8.30am-5.30pm and Friday and Saturday 9am-5.30pm to provide five and a half hours extra a week with the branch now opening on Saturday afternoons as well as half an hour earlier Monday-Thursday.

Carnival club seeking business sponsorship

WEYMOUTH Carnival and Events Club is calling on businesses to support the town's biggest attraction of the year.

Club president Ryan Hope said: "Carnival is a big day for the town and is expected to raise thousands of pounds.

"This will be used to support the development of local cultural activities, encouraging and promoting social inclusion, equality and diversity in the community, but carnival is also something which helps businesses by boosting tourism and trade in the town."

He appealed to those businesses to help carnival by supporting the event.

Mr Hope said: "As well as the usual costs that we face every year in order to make the day happen we are also faced with the added costs of insurances, licenses and permits that have previously been covered by an umbrella organisation such as Round Table and Rotary when they ran the event.

"We are now looking to the town to support the event. Carnival won't be able to take place without that support from businesses in the town.

"I feel, as do others, that it would be a great shame to lose this prestigious event which promotes the town and provides individuals and groups with a great opportunity to work together in putting on a great show.

"Sponsorship is a great way of getting your business recognised and I hope businesses will take the time to look through our sponsorship packages."

Anyone interested in any of the packages, anyone who would like to make a donation to the Club or anyone who would like to find out more can contact sponsorship coordinator Diane Moore by e-mail at Weymouthcarnivalsponsorship@gmail.com.

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Holiday service launched for families with disabled children

A UNIQUE new holiday and short break service has been launched in Weymouth to support Dorset families with disabled children.

A partnership between care providers Regard Group and Wyvern Academy in Dorchester Road, Weymouth, means that up to three disabled children at a time can enjoy short breaks or activity-based longer holidays at a flat created in the school with the supervision and care they need.

Regard Group chief executive officer Sandie Foxall-Smith officially opened the service on February 14th saying that it will enable families and carers to also take a well-earned break.

She said: "This is the first Regard For Children service in the country. It is a model that we would like to see adopted elsewhere if we can find the level of support and the positive approach that we have had from Wyvern Academy and the Aspect Trust of which it is a part."

Regard regional director Daun Tattersall said: "This facility has been specifically aimed at providing support to children and young people with learning and physical disabilities from throughout Dorset. It is the first of its kind in Dorset and has only been made possible by a partnership with Wyvern Academy.

"They have pupils ranging in age from two to 19 and we have been working with them and headteacher Sue Hoxey for some time in providing support for older pupils as they move into adulthood."

The overnight short break service has been registered with OFSTED and is able not only to provide planned overnight stays and regular or planned short breaks but can also be used for emergency overnight stays if a family with a disabled child needs accommodation in a hurry.

The breaks are intended to be fun for the chil-

dren and to give them an experience in life that will make sense for them.

Bookings are already being taken for special activity breaks planned for holiday periods and special themed days later in the year.

Depending on the child's abilities these will include visits to local tourist attractions, swimming, sensory sessions, cinema trips, bowling,

kayaking, drama lessons, cooking, rock climbing, sailing, story-telling and hydrotherapy sessions. Activities are matched to the abilities and age range of the children.

The facility has already welcomed its first visitors and is open for families with disabled children from throughout Dorset. Further information can be found at www.regard.co.uk.



■ DAISY, 10, of Portland, who was the first child to use the new service, with team leader Leanne Stone and Wyvern Academy headteacher Sue Hoxey

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Police and residents working together to prevent crime

WEYMOUTH and Portland Home watch co-ordinators are to join forces to tackle crime.

Police say Home Watch is one of the best examples of how the community and officers can work together to prevent crime because it allows residents to be proactive in making their area a safer place to live, work and enjoy.

Communication is the key to a successful Home Watch Scheme, so police are inviting all Home Watch co-ordinators who live in Weymouth or Portland to attend the next meeting at Weymouth Police Station Conference Room on Tuesday February 26th at 6pm.

The meeting is designed to establish regular communication between police, co-ordinators and those who wish

to take part in the scheme.

Police volunteer Peter Jones, who is working to create the network, said: 'I would like to encourage residents to join their local scheme.'

"It has been proven that the Home Watch Scheme makes communities safer, makes them feel safer and brings people together."

Supported by the police but owned and run by their members, each scheme is set up in a way that best suits the needs of its members. It can be as formal or informal as they decide.

To register a place at the meeting, please ring 01305 226865 or email communities-team@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

Sheds and garages targeted

SAFER Neighbourhood teams are encouraging residents to secure their garages and sheds following a series of burglaries in the Preston area of Weymouth.

Police said there had been a number of recent shed and garage burglaries reported in the Preston area where tools and pedal cycles were stolen.

Safer Neighbourhood Team beat manager PC Sally Ludlow, said: "Preston has suffered a spate of shed and garage breaks recently. As a result, a number of tools and push bikes have been stolen.

"Garages should be as secure as your

home, especially if there is anything of value inside.

"We are encouraging the public to review their security and ask anyone who sees anything suspicious or is a victim of crime to contact Dorset Police on 101 to report it immediately.

"We need to work together to make Dorset Safer."

Preston Safer Neighbourhood Team will be holding a public meeting to offer crime prevention advice to members of the community and discuss how the team will be tackling the issue. The meeting will take place at the Preston Village Hall from 6pm on Wednesday, February 27th.

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Row over 'gagging' of coastguard officials

MP accuses minister of 'Orwellian' tactics in helicopter campaign

A POLITICAL storm is brewing after South Dorset MP Richard Drax accused a government minister of "gagging" coastguard officials so they couldn't talk to him about Portland's threatened search and rescue helicopter.

Mr Drax has written to Transport Secretary Stephen Hammond asking him to confirm that he has asked officials within the Marine Coastguard Agency (MCA) not to speak to him.

The furious MP, who has campaigned to keep the Portland helicopter since its 2017 closure was first announced two years ago, said in a hard-hitting letter: "I recently requested a meeting with Alan Massey (of the MCA) to be told you have ordered him not to see me. Is this true? I enclose an email from Mr Massey which indicates it is."

"This is positively Orwellian. We were told that anyone involved with the Portland Search and Rescue service who opposed the last helicopter reorganisation were 'warned off'. We told the Transport Select Committee that it could happen. Now we are seeing it for ourselves."

"I find it quite extraordinary that an MP should be prevented from speak-

ing to anyone on behalf of his constituents."

"I would ask you to withdraw this order and allow me to talk to a vital link in the chain before a disastrous decision is made."

Mr Drax went on to refute several points in the minister's most recent letter to him and was particularly angry over a claim by the minister that, if Portland was closed, the average flying time from alternate bases to reach incidents would be 21 minutes.

He said "this simply cannot be factually correct," pointing out that on the second page of his letter, Mr Hammond had admitted that the flying time from Culdrose, an alternate base in Cornwall, was 48 minutes. Mr Drax added that flying time from Lea on Solent – the other alternate base – was 30 minutes.

He wrote: "So where did you get the 21 minutes from? It's just not possible, however 'modern' the aircraft."

Mr Drax also took issue with a table the minister had used which showed that helicopters from Portland were tasked concurrently with those of what the minister called its

'two nearest neighbours' on only five occasions in three years.

Mr Drax wrote: "Interestingly, you exclude Chivenor and include Chivenor to reach this figure. The latter has never been mentioned as one of the two alternatives before (Lea on Solent being the other base) and I suspect this is because using Chivenor reduces concurrent taskings considerably."

He also attacked the minister's continued insistence that consultants had tested and supported the DfT's modelling of the SAR proposals.

He wrote: "Your next point is that you have followed the advice of the Atkins' report that aircraft should be 'equitably distributed around the UK.'

"That would make sense if the 'incidents' occurred equitably around the UK, but of course they don't."

"Twenty five per cent of them happen along our stretch of the south coast. So, logic would dictate that more aircraft should be located there."

He urged the minister to think again and concluded: "I hope you will reflect upon my letter and come to the same conclusion as everyone else."

Hope for permanent home for Weymouth Museum?

FRESH plans for Weymouth Museum could finally see it given a new home at Brewers Quay.

The museum has been without a venue to display more than 20,000 artefacts in its collection for two years.

Recent ideas to find it a new building have ranged from the ferry terminal to suggestions involving the Guildhall if the council confirms it will be putting the historic building up for sale.

But Weymouth Museum Trust has revealed that the top choice of site has been reinforced as Brewers Quay and that a new planning application to develop the site and include the museum within it is currently being thrashed out.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Margaret Leicester, who is both a museum trustee and the council's representative on the trust, said the council was finalising Brewers Quay plans with developers Brewers Quay Investments LLP.

She added: "We have a contract with them that runs until 2014 to

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provide a new museum within the Brewers Quay development.

"The museum desperately needs a new home so its many thousands of exhibits can once more go back on public display.

"The past two years when everything has been in store has prompted a spate of rumours about its future, most of which have been wrong.

"The facts are that, if this planning application goes through this summer and is approved, then the new museum site at Brewers Quay could open by 2015.

"In the meantime the trust is hoping to bridge that gap by staging a series of public displays to show off some of its exhibits and keep the idea of a museum in the public eye."

Quay plans had a setback when a hotel chain pulled out of building on the site, but the latest application is believed to contain residential apart-

ments, a large exhibition space, an indoor attractions area and various shops.

Mrs Leicester said: "We are all feeling a lot more optimistic for the future and we hope our dream of a new Weymouth Museum will be realised as soon as possible."

Museum Trust secretary David Riches said: "We owe a big debt of thanks to the Friends of Weymouth Museum. Not only did they help us pack everything away two years ago but they have been tireless in their attempts to ensure a new site for the museum is achieved."

"Even though the public don't realise this, volunteers still work in the closed museum one day a week to check storage conditions and catalogue donated items including some of the contents of the old Timewalk display."

"The site still includes an operational Local History Unit which is still able to answer people's queries sent to Weymouth Museum, Brewers Quay, Hope Square, Weymouth DT4 8TR."

Don't be taken in by roofing con men

TWO men who told a Weymouth resident that their home had a roof-space leak tried to charge £4,000 to fix it.

Police said the incident in Chickerell Road had been reported to them and involved two men calling

unexpectedly on householder.

Officers said the resident let one of the men into the house and he looked in the roofspace, reporting a leak which he said would cost £4000 to repair.

Police added that no money changed hands and they were taking this opportunity to warn residents against letting anyone into their house unless they had been invited and identification had been provided.

Officers added that any suspicious persons should be reported to the police while anyone with any information about this incident should call either Dorset Police on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Patterns will be available from March from The Wool Shop in Easton. Patterns and some donated wool is available at Island Community Action in Easton and the Post Office in Fortuneswell until its relocation.

A collection will be held at Easton Methodist Church coffee morning on Wednesday, June 26th between 10 am - 11.30 am. If you are unable to make it, tiddies can be dropped off nearer the time at the Wool Shop or Island Community Action in Easton.

■ THE team tackles various activities

DORSET Fire and Rescue Service Prince's Trust programme has celebrated three weeks into Team 100 based at Weymouth Community Safety Centre.

The 12-week personal development programme allows 16-25 year olds to undertake many different activities whilst they are working towards a nationally recognised award.

Participants, who usually come from a variety of different backgrounds, have the opportunity to spend a week away at a residential activity centre, undertake a project based in their local community, complete a work placement and partici-

pate in a team challenge involving caring for others.

They have now completed week three of the programme and so far the young adults have held a charity car wash, helped renovate a local boxing club and completed their residential week on Dartmoor which included abseiling, kayaking, rock climbing and entertaining the staff.

Prince's Trust Manager Marie-Clare Nicholson said: "The team has bonded really well, are achieving over and above what has been set for them and I look forward to watching them progress and develop as a team over the next 10 weeks."

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"Please have a look at the Prince Trust website or contact Sonia on 01305 753035 for more information."

Recruitment is currently going on for young people to participate in teams in Weymouth, Poole, Boscombe and Blandford.

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleaven

A step of faith

I am grateful for a wide circle of friends. Most are nice helpful people and easy to get along with. However, there are some very important differences between us.

Many are Christians like me and we therefore have much in common. Some are sympathetic and understanding but do not completely share my faith. Others have little or no Christian belief at all.

Although I value the friendliness of them all, I do have a personal concern for those who have not yet discovered for themselves the blessing of becoming a real Christian.

I hate the thought of them going into a lost eternity when the Gospel message is for them as well as me.

I think of the one who told me they didn't believe because of so many things that have happened. For me, the reality of a loving heavenly father has been confirmed in various ways over many years and I am still learning and discovering more.

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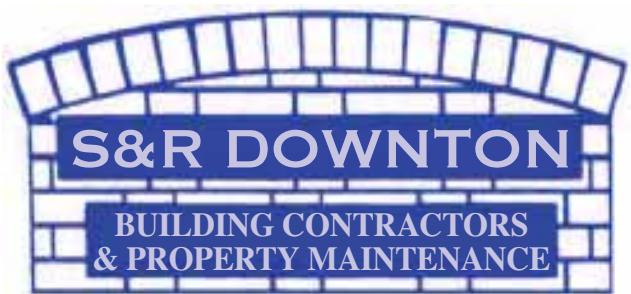
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The Past Made Present at Dorset County Museum

AT LAST, an exhibition of contemporary art that can be accessed and enjoyed by all.

Works by a total of 24 artists are displayed in the exhibition which opened this Saturday at Dorset County Museum. At the exhibition preview over 200 people enjoyed exploring the new works of art, many displayed alongside artefacts from the Museum's unique collections. Jo Saurin, one of the artists and a curator of the exhibition said, "This is not an exhibition designed to intimidate the visitor but to encourage them, through encounters with fragments of the past, to unearth buried memories and make them contemporary. Encounters focuses on shared ancestry, poignant memory and loved landscape and there are links throughout." Jon Murden, director of Dorset County Museum said, "This is one of the most challenging exhibitions we have worked on for some time, but also one of the most fascinating. For me, the mixture of brand new works of art displayed alongside the iconic artefacts which inspired them is particularly interesting."

The artists, all from Wessex Contemporary Arts, will be there personally on three mornings to talk about their work - come along between 10.30am and 12 noon on 21 February, 4 and 11 April to meet them, hear about

their work and find out what inspired them. Some of the artists are also running workshops to encourage tactile engagement with processes and concepts that are at the heart of Contemporary art. Obscuration is not part of this exhibition. Pleasure, recognition and personal involvement is.

The Museum's archaeology collection has been the focus of the largest number of artists with the Dorset landscape, the coast and Maiden Castle close behind. Poetry, library books, farming, mourning jewellery and fresco painting have also inspired other parts of the show. Another strong category explored by some artists is enquiring into the whole concept of the Museum itself. Visitors will see how this examination of these collections has led to the creation of many original works of art from richly coloured paintings inspired by ancient pottery to delicate bowls beautifully crafted from leaf skeletons, fish scales and other natural objects.

Encounters: Wessex Contemporary Artists meet Dorset County Museum is open now and runs until June 7th 2013 and entry to the exhibition is free. For further information pick up an exhibition leaflet at the Museum shop or visit the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Learn to Crochet at Dorset County Museum

FOLLOWING the huge success of daytime craft sessions in 2012, Dorset County Museum is now running a series of evening sessions, just for adults, on a number of different crafts and techniques.

The first session is 'Crochet for Beginners' and will be held on Tuesday 26 February at the Museum. Running from 6pm to 8pm, the cost is £7.50 per person and pre-booking

is essential as numbers are limited to a maximum of 15 per session. All the materials will be provided and participants will be able to learn enough basic techniques to make a simple coaster or place mat.

No previous skill is required for this session which will be run as a friendly group activity - why not come along with a couple of friends or meet new people there? In the

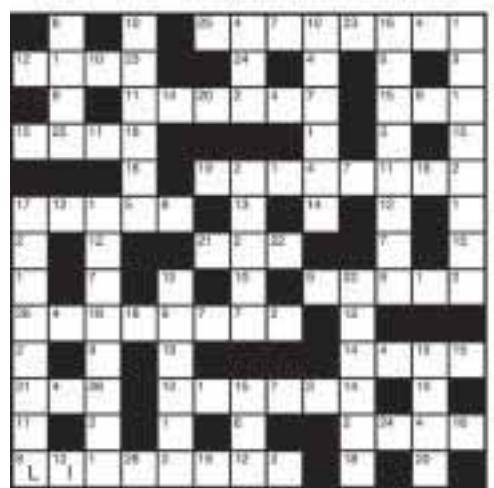
coming months the group will cover silk painting (on 16 April), making rag rugs, silver clay jewellery and seasonal crafts for Christmas. Daytime sessions also run throughout the year - the next one is Tapestry Weaving on 13 March. For further information pick up an events leaflet at the Museum or check the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Not so many in the cold we run (5)
- Fish forced to come to land (7)
- Doesn't move the captain (7)
- Make an address (3,2)
- Philosopher reveals mystery; we hear (4)
- What to do get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)
- 13 and 19 Down: Screen section put back as a batch (4-4)
- 14 and 17 Across: Besides a greater amount in surplus (9)
16. The end of the esp - touch down before autumn (9)
- See 14 Across.
- Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
- An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
- The distinctive nature of certain scenes, maybe (7)
- They are characterised in an adaptation of "The Lion" (5)

Down

- Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
- Who brings endless spouse to a husband? (5)
- Fence the track (4)
- A crowd by the Spanish accommodation building (6)
- Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
- External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
- Schools that have small charges (18)
- The result of incomplete washing (4-4)
- Could they be an invalid in temporary accommodation? (7)
- Stick to use as an ate (5)
- Six talk endlessly being full of life (5)
- See 13 Across.

Quick Clues:

Across

- Happier (5)
- In addition (7)
- Betsayet (7)
- Zest (5)
- Rid (4)
- Trade (8)
- Month (4)
- Let it stand (4)
- Maintain (8)
- Support (4)
- Struggled (5)
- Disclose (7)
- Beg (7)
- Finished (5)

Down

- Fluity (3-2-5)
- Pause (5)
- Scold (4)
- Trade by exchange (5)
- Wisdom (8)
- Far (7)
- Lacking self-control (5-8)
- Derogate (8)
- Vanity (7)
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With a fresh new line up, Jonty Fisher's Flyright Trio returns to rural Dorset in February and March to inject an incredible seven village halls with jazz fever! Bassist Jonty Fisher is back, this time with pianist Nadia Sheriff and guitarist James Fenn to perform their own unique arrangements, including three-part vocal harmonies, combining virtuosity and swinging rhythm with infectious joie de vivre to perform a lively evening of classic jazz. The band pay homage to the late Nat 'King' Cole and also perform classic jazz standards from the Great American Songbook, including Cole Porter, Gershwin and Berlin.

Jonty Fisher is a prolific composer and bassist; a regular on the London music scene. Having played at many of the UK's premier events and venues, his time is punctuated by extensive world touring as well as film, radio, television and recording appearances. Jonty is a member of the critically acclaimed world music band Deva, and he has also appeared with Liane Carroll, Jacqui Dankworth and Don Rendell. Nadia Sheriff has performed extensively across the UK, appearing as a soloist for the New English Orchestra and the London Jazz Orchestra. James Fenn, the newest member of the trio boasts a natural talent on the guitar and his variety of style has earned him a place on records

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 8 Ship-shape, 9 Lipson, 9 Rehearsal, 10 Cervat, 11 Albit, 14 Uriel, 15 Diop, 16 Dill, 18 Ears, 20 Ingot, 21 Servo, 24 Sette, 25 Magnakas, 26 Omox, 27 Essentiel, Down: 1 Punctures, 2 Couriers, 4 Hail, 5 Phad, 6 Herald, 7 Plan, 9 Padet, 11 Aime, 12 Limestone, 13 Feathness, 17 Liver, 19 Beancat, 22 Vake, 23 Date, 24 Segs. QUICK - Across: 3 Transport, 8 Easy, 11 Stretch, 10 Fleeces, 11 Cycle, 14 Radio, 15 Edge, 18 Plays, 19 Thus, 21 Tack, 21 Race, 24 Fleets, 25 Flight, 26 Scare, 27 Sternman, Down: 1 Perforate, 2 Splendour, 4 Rix, 5 Needy, 6 Piddle, 7 Reet, 9 Scop, 11 Chant, 12 Education, 13 Pertinent, 17 Seal, 19 Dodger, 22 Settin, 23 Fret, 24 Fliss.

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TUESDAY MARCH 26TH

DORCHESTER: The Dorchester French Circle invites you to the next meeting of their 2012-2013 season. Tea and coffee from 7.30pm, then talk at 8pm at the United Church in Dorchester. It will be held in the Tolpuddle Room and will be an illustrated talk on 'Bordeaux et la Gironde' by a member of our Committee, Christine Barsky, who is 'une vraie française de cette région! For further information and to see our full programme please visit our website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

BROADMAYNE: Mike Denham, a fine local solo pianist with an interesting repertoire of music, will perform a Tribute to George Gershwin and Cole Porter, at St Martin's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets: Early discount £6, on the Door £7, from Carol Wightman 01305 854385 and Corner House Stores Broadmayne. For further information: Carol Wightman 01305 854385.

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group Spring Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, South Street. 9.45am-11.45am. Donations of books, CDs, bric-a-brac etc gratefully received. For more details call 01300 341996.

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Psychic Fayre brings double-bill to Dorchester

DUAL VENUES FOR SHOW AND FAYRE

WHILE Dorchester's Corn Exchange sees the return of the Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre on Saturday, February 23rd, its organisers Psychic Fayre are not resting on the laurels of their popular daytime event.

This year they also bring something new to the town - a Psychic Variety Show. Taking place at the Wessex Royale Hotel the night before the fayre, their unique 'entertainment with enlightenment' format brings together master palmist Robin Lown, a double-act of psychic artist Patrick Gamble and medium Janette Anne Coombe, tarot guru Steve Hounsome and music from new-age SoulWeavers.

All well-known and respected exponents of their individual psychic genres, the 'cast' creates a fascinating theatrical experience full of humour, emotion and genuine 'wow' moments.

The show's first outing of 2013 was a big hit in Wimborne on February 1st, and it will be taken, with a variable line-up, to play in tandem with many of their Fayres around the South West.

Tickets for the Friday, February 22nd show, at the Wessex Royale starting at 7.30pm, are on sale at £10 from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, telephone 01305 267992, or on the door subject to availability.

Next day's fayre, running 10am-4pm Saturday, February 23rd at the Corn Exchange, is free to enter, and features all the performers from the night before plus dozens of other psychics, therapists and traders. There is a 'pop-up' café, free talks and demonstrations run throughout the day, and a charity raffle, with the prize of a picture by artist Patrick Gamble, will raise funds for the Soul Midwives Foundation.



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The Harbour Inn is now a limited company, and under the umbrella of the company, Sue will be taking over 'Moba', a boutique in New Street, Honiton. Sue takes over from Maureen and Tom Cromie who have been there for over 20 years. She will be stocking some new brands, including Angels Never Die, and Capri, but will be keeping plenty of the current brands including Save the Queen, Yaya, Masia, Sandwich Bohemia, and

Olson. Sue will continue in her role at the Harbour Inn, but will take more of a managerial role in the kitchen. She very much looks forward to welcoming customers new and old to the shop.

The ambience inside the Harbour Inn is relaxed where Julie, Mark's sister, provides unique and contemporary paintings of seascapes from the local area. Julie's new painting inspired by the Himalayas can be seen at the Harbour Inn after Easter when she returns. This year's workshops will emphasise weather responding to landscape. Students will be guided to explore coastal materials with experiment inventiveness and spontaneity capturing atmosphere rather than representation. Exhibition dates can be seen on her website www.julieoldfield.com

The Harbour are now taking bookings for Mothers Day, which falls on Sunday, March 10th. Call them now on 01297 442299 to avoid disappointment.



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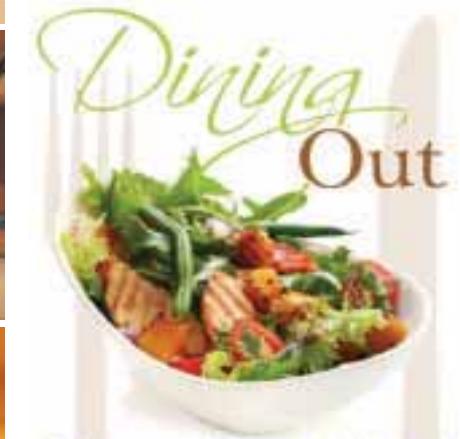


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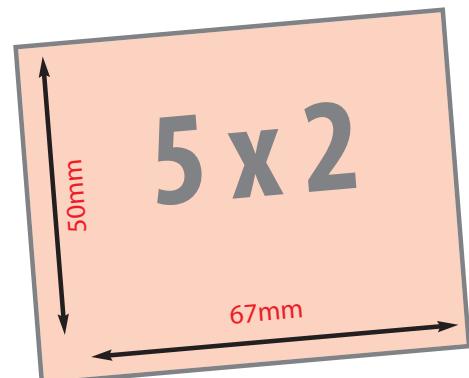
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- Limited time launch offer brings this cutting edge equipment bundle together for less than half its RRP
- SEAT Leon is the first family hatchback in Europe to offer full-LED headlamps – the most advanced on the market

SEAT has introduced an offer that will brighten the lives of new Leon buyers. By making the Technology Pack available for a dazzling £500, the most advanced in-car light technology available today has never been more affordable.

Specified as individual options, LED Headlights, Navigation System and DAB radio would together cost a buyer over £1,900, with the lamps alone a £995 option. However, in order that the maximum number of drivers can experience this illuminating technology, SEAT has made them available for a staggeringly low price.

Full-LED headlamps: the clearest choice

Full-LED headlamps offer exceptional illumination, while being energy-efficient and non-dazzling to oncoming motorists. They provide the closest light to natural daylight of any headlamp on the market.

The full-LED headlamps of the SEAT Leon are 5,300K – extremely close to daylight. That gives them a very bright light distribution, but one that's comfortable and that enables the eyes to

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Amazingly, they provide this quality of light while consuming less power than traditional headlamps: 50% less than a xenon bulb while functioning on low beam. In addition, the turn indicators, which use a cluster of LEDs, use only half the power of a standard light bulb performing the same task.

It's an intelligent light unit, too, featuring a useful 'highway assist' function that senses when the car is at motorway speed and lifts the light beam slightly to give the driver a further view of the road ahead.

Full-LED headlamps also avoid colour distortion, maintaining a consistently white, flicker- and colour-free beam even at the cut-off line.

And it's not just the headlamps whose operation is improved markedly by using LED technology – the LED tail-lights of the Leon (standard on FR models and included with the LED Headlights option) are quantifiably more effective than those that use standard bulbs: LED brake lights are 0.02 seconds quicker to react than con-

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That difference may seem inconsequential, but any improvement in time it takes for a driver behind to see the brake lights could have a very significant, impact-mitigating effect.

And aside from being brighter, clearer and using less power – which has a positive effect on fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions – LEDs are virtually maintenance-free and extremely durable, with a life of at least 10,000 hours.

Technology Pack

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Islanders look to stage title charge after tight win

DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WITH WILL MOWBRAY

Dorset Premier League

Portland Utd 1 Wareham Rangers 0

THE ISLANDERS stay hot on the heels of Holt United with a tightly contested 1-0 victory against mid-table side Wareham Rangers.

The goal came on the hour and was scored by Ryan McKechnie.

Portland lie in second with only one point behind Holt United, but have three games in hand on their title rivals.

Poole Borough 0 Tintinhull 5

THE Tinmen moved into the top six after they beating Poole Borough 5-0.

Adam Clements scored in the 25th and 52nd minute, Oliver Pearson in the 23rd minute, Luke Jennings in the 43rd minute and Jon Delahaye in the 68th minute.

This was the Hornets 16th defeat and leaves them at the foot of the table.

Senior League

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED closed the gap on the top two following their 4-0 victory against Weymouth Sports. Wayne Moussalli grabbed a brace with Sam Stockley and Paul Case both on the score-sheet.

Witchampton United lost ground on the top three as they went down 6-3 at Stourpaine. Adam Robbins, Alex White, Robert Way, Sam Fitzgerald-Miller, Dan Baxter were all on target in a convincing win.

Westland Sports moved into the top five with a 5-1 victory over Blandford United Reserves with Sam Farthing and Carney both scoring a brace and one for Phil Wells.

After defeat in the Senior Trophy last week Upwey & Broadway hit back with a 5-0 drubbing over Piddletrenthide United. Ethan Devaney and Charlie Kenderdine both bagged a brace and Charlie May also scored to seal a great win.

Division One

CORFE MULLEN UNITED made it 10 League wins in a row as they moved four points clear at the top of Division One following their 5-0 win against Swanage Town & Herston Reserves. Michael Fleetham and Jack McGhan both with a brace and one for Daniel Flocks to complete the scoring.

Milborne Sports lost ground Corfe Mullen at the top of the league as they could only force a 1-1 draw with Poundbury Rovers. Daniel Andrews scored for Milborne while netting for Poundbury was Steve Oliver.

South Cheriton kept the pressure on the top two with a 7-0 win over the Kangaroos.

Merley Cobham Sports Reserves got their

second point of the season when they drew 1-1 with Bridport A with their goal coming from Christopher Danvers.

Bere Regis stay in fourth place thanks to a 3-1 win at Chickrell United with the host goal coming from Kevin Pace.

Division Two

WITH the only side in the top four getting maximum points, AFC Cobham, moved into top spot following their 9-0 thrashing over Sturminster Newton United. Lee Madgewick, Matthew McGrath and Dan King all netted a brace and there was one each for Martyn Dickson, Kevin Hoare and Daniel Morris.

Dorchester Sports slipped down to second spot after a thrilling 3-3 draw with Ship Inn Wool. Sports goals came from Tom Godfrey, Karl Hicks and Darren Watts.

The Balti House lost 4-3 against relegation fighters Portland Town with the host's goals coming from Phil Lee (2) and one each from Paul Cole and Ross Jones.

Another side to lose ground on the leaders was Weymouth Spartans who played out a goalless draw with Corfe Castle.

Gillingham Town A moved up into the top half of the league with a 1-0 win against Shaftesbury Town Reserves. Nicky Squires scored the only goal of the game.

Wareham Rangers Reserves recorded their third win of the season when they defeated Wyke Regis Social Club 3-1 with the goals from Richard Best (2) and one for Roy Lock.

Division Three

PIDDLEHINTON UNITED moved four points clear at the top of division three but have played six more games than the second place side Lytchett Red Triangle.

This is after they comprehensively beat Bere Regis 8-0. Adam Barrett bagged a hat-trick and there was one apiece for Jason Bushnell Tom Bracey, Nick Hansford and Nathan Higgins.

Stalbridge moved up into the top half of the league after their 3-0 win against their hosts Handley Sports.

Sturminster Marshall and The Belvedere Inn played out an evenly contested 3-3 draw. Sturminsters strikes coming from Paul Glenister, Jack Geddis and Michael Turner while scoring for the Belvedere were Alex Haynes, Terry Hoey and Jamie Rawlins.

Division Four

MERE TOWN RESERVES moved back into top spot after their 2-0 win against Broadstone. Strikes from Barry Torrance and Lee Christopher sealed a comfortable win. Following this result Broadstone slip down to third place.

Merley Cobham Sports Reserves got their

second placed Puddletown won by 4-3 at Bishops Caundle with their goals coming from James Herton, Danny Dancer, Matt Rimmer and Derek Puckett. While netting for the Bishops were Justin Bingham with a brace and one for Chris Paul.

AFC Blandford lost ground on the top two when they could only draw with United Football Club of Poundbury 1-1 with their goal coming from Aaron Lawes.

Division Five

SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON lost ground on the leaders with a goalless draw against the Kangaroos Reserves. They now sit seven points behind Pimperne with two games in hand.

Handly Sports Reserves won 5-4 in a nine-goal thriller at Maiden Newton with the hosts' goal-scorers being Sam Hocking, Stuart Swartrige, Andrew McLeary and Foot.

Milborne Sports Reserves moved up into mid-table following their 2-1 win against Broadstone Reserves with their goals coming from Jay Elliott and an own goal. While netting for Broadstone was Sam Cherrett.

RESULTS

Saturday, February 16th

Dorset Premier League

Blandford Utd 3-2 Swanage Town & Herston Chickrell Utd 2-0 Bridport Res

Cranborne 2-2 Weymouth Res

Weymouth Recreation 0-4 Wincanton Town

Hamworthy Utd Res 0-1 Shaftesbury Town

Merley Cobham Sports 0-3 Holt Utd

Shaftesbury Town Res p-p Portland Utd

Tintinhull p-p Parley Sports

Wareham Rangers 2-3 Poole Borough

Senior League

Kington Lacy 3-0 Portland United Reserves

Piddlethreth Utd 0-5 Upwey & Broadway

Stourpaine 6-3 Witchampton United

Westland Sports 5-1 Blandford United Res

Weymouth Sports 0-4 Sturminster Newton

♦ Dorset Division One

Bere Regis v Corfe Mullen United

Bridport A v Swanage T & H Reserves

South Cheriton.....11 9 1 1 34 28

Bere Regis.....14 6 2 6 5 20

Poundbury Ro.....12 5 3 4 1 18

Bridport A.....14 5 2 7 19 17

Kangeroos.....12 3 4 5 5 13

Parley.....14 4 1 9 19 13

Swanage Twn.....8 4 0 4 1 12

Wincanton Res.....7 2 3 2 5 9

Chickrell Res.....11 2 0 9 10 6

Merle Cob.....12 0 2 10 39 2

Dorset Division Two

AFC Cobham v Portesham United

Handley Sports v Lytchett RT

Shaftesbury.....16 7 3 6 3 24

Gillingham A.....15 6 3 6 4 21

Weyke Regis.....15 6 2 7 8 20

Corfe Castle.....13 6 1 6 5 19

Wareham Ran.....12 3 3 6 7 12

Sturminster.....12 3 1 8 28 10

Portland Town.....12 3 2 8 12 9

Donhead Utd.....13 0 1 0 10 23 9

Ship Inn Wool.....11 1 4 6 11 17

♦ Dorset Division Three

Broadstone Res v Maiden Newton N & C Res

Milborne Sports Res v Marshull

Portland Town A v Handley Sports Reserves

Swanage T & Herston A v Lytchett RT Youth

Wellworthys v Pimperne Sports Society

Division Four

Piddlehinton 17 11 2 4 29 35

Dorchester Sp.....16 10 3 3 23 33

Balti House.....14 9 2 3 20 29

Weymouth Sp.....13 9 1 3 15 28

Shaftesbury.....16 7 3 6 3 24

Gillingham A.....15 6 3 6 4 21

Weyke Regis.....15 6 2 7 8 20

Corfe Castle.....13 6 1 6 5 19

Wareham Ran.....12 3 3 6 7 12

Sturminster.....12 3 1 8 28 10

Portland Town.....12 3 2 8 12 9

Donhead Utd.....13 0 1 0 10 23 9

Ship Inn Wool.....11 1 4 6 11 17

♦ Dorset Division Five

Pimperne.....11 10 0 1 46 30

Swanage Town.....9 7 2 0 34 23

Kangeroos Res.....13 7 2 4 16 23

Wellworthys.....11 7 1 3 20 22</p

MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

Reed keeps Terras in the play-offs mix

Moore just the ticket

BATH CITY 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 3

February 12th, Blue Square Sth - att 418

DORCHESTER Town produced another outstanding performance to complete the double over Bath City at Tiverton Park on Tuesday of last week.

The victory followed just three days after the Magpies had beaten league leaders Salisbury City at The Avenue and completes the first back to back wins since September.

The result sees The Magpies climb to a respectable 10th in the Blue Square South, five points clear of relegation but only seven short of a play-off place, so tight is the league this year.

There were two changes to the side that played Salisbury.

Nick Crittenden who played on Saturday despite having barely recovered from a hamstring injury, paid the price for his bravery and had to withdraw following the warm-up after feeling the effects, and was replaced by Lewis Morgan.

Kieffer Moore, who signed from Truro City the night before, made his debut replacing Charlie Clough up front.

Clough was moved back to his normal central defensive position in place of Nathan Walker who needed five stitches in a cut above the eye sustained in the build up to Dorchester's winner.

The new striker's presence gave the Magpies an edge up front that the Romans couldn't cope with, and he soon had City keeper Jason Mellor working to save his shot.

Ben Watson, wallowing in the freedom he has been missing for most of the season where he has had to work alone up front, gave them the lead on 20 minutes when Mark Preece allowed him too much room and he turned to fire past Mellor.

The lead only lasted seven minutes however when Charlie Griffin was bundled over right on the edge of the area and he stepped to curl the free-kick past Jason Matthews.

Dorchester, despite the rigours of their energy sapping encounter with Salisbury, stepped up to the plate and regained the lead on 38 minutes when the Romans defence failed to clear Jake Smeeton's cross.

Watson flicked the ball on, and when Dan Ball hesitated, Sam Malsom robbed him to fire them ahead again.

Five minutes later Bath were level again through Griffin who lobbed Matthews from 25 yards.

Although the keeper got his hand to the ball he could only push it into the roof of the net.

The second half was more even as Bath, who had lost their previous three home games looked to put the run to an end, but they rarely looked to trouble Matthews.

Dorchester continued to search for a winner and it arrived ten minutes from time when Aaran Pugh climbed highest at a corner to powerfully head home the winner.

Manager Phil Simkin was absolutely delighted with his side's performance and with

Moore's debut.

He told *View Sport*: "We played really well. They had two shots at goal the whole game and scored two 'worldy's'."

"We won well, better than the score line suggests, and when you consider how hard they had to play on Saturday and then to step up again three days later with many of them carrying knocks, it was a great achievement."

"In the first-half I thought we were awesome, and Kieffer made a terrific debut."

"He was unlucky not to score, but his contribution was massive. He fitted in well; it's not easy to walk into a dressing room for an away game with a bunch of lads you don't know and haven't trained with."

He added: "We looked a different side and looked like we could score every time we went forward; they couldn't handle him, he was too powerful."

"Ben Watson looks a different player. With Charlie Clough alongside him the last few games it made a difference, but with Keiffer, who's a proper forward, it made a huge difference."

Williams brace foils Magpies

BASINGSTOKE 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 1

February 16th, Blue Square South - att 471

DORCHESTER Town failed to keep their mini unbeaten run going when they were beaten by two Manny Williams goals at The Camrose on Saturday, and although Kieffer Moore scored his first goal for the Magpies since signing from Truro City late on it was not enough.

It was a scrappy game, a bit reminiscent of the reverse fixture at The Avenue a couple of weeks ago where Dorchester fought back after conceding two early goals to snatch a 2-2 draw, and they almost repeated the situation, but Neil Martin's shot in added time hit the post.

The Magpies maybe should have taken the lead on 17 minutes when Moore returned the compliment after out running Jay Gasson down the right. His cross to the far post found Watson six yards from goal but he headed wide.

Delano Sam-Yorke who caused the Magpies a number of problems at Dorchester then had Basingstoke's first real chance just before the half hour, but he scuffed his shot wide after the ball had rebounded to him on the edge of the penalty area.

Dorchester continued to hold sway and Aaran Pugh headed wide from Sam Malsom's corner before Stoke keeper Ashley Bayes had to be alert to smother a through ball for Moore.

At the other end another scuffed shot from Sam-Delano almost causes Charlie Clough to divert the ball into his own goal, before Bayes can only watch as Malsom's long range effort flashed just wide.

With Watson suffering a calf injury, Ashley Nicholls replaced him at the start of the second half having missed the previous game with a foot injury.

However, it was Basingstoke who opened the scoring on 49 minutes when Williams was on hand to score from the rebound after

Simon Dunn's initial toe-poke was blocked by Jason Matthews.

Williams almost grabbed a second ten minutes later when he brought a first class reaction save from Matthews after some neat footwork in the area, but Dorchester hit back straight away and Pugh had another opportunity from a free-kick but headed straight at Bayes.

Chances continued to be made at both ends and after Shaun McAuley fired over from six yards, Malsom could only find fire straight at Bayes from distance.

Clough was moved up front by manager Phil Simkin to try and force an equaliser, but it was Williams who put Stoke further ahead seven minutes from time; pouncing to net after Wes Daly's shot had hit the post.

Two minutes later however the Magpies were back in with a chance after Jake Smeeton's run down the left saw him beat two defenders before crossing to the far post where the unmarked Moore has a simple chance and heads home.

With added time looming Martin hit the outside of the upright following a goalmouth scramble but Dorchester could not find the equaliser they deserved.

WEYMOUTH 2 FROME TOWN 1

February 12th, Blue Square Sth - att 387

A STUNNING strike from Stephen Reed set Weymouth on their way to victory over Frome Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium last Tuesday, but for the second game running they had to hang on for victory.

Dan Smith doubled the lead with a penalty in the second-half, but Frome pulled one back to leave Terras fans to survive a nail-biting last 20 minutes.

But victory was secured to lift Weymouth up to seventh in the Evo-Stik South Premier Division, and just two points off a play-off place.

Kyle Critchell who was confined to the bench on Saturday due to flu when the Terras limped home with a 2-1 win over Bedworth Town in similar circumstances, was reinstated in place of Craig Duffy.

A Darren Jeffries shot well dealt with by Simon Evans on the quarter hour was the nearest either side came to scoring before Reed put Weymouth ahead with a peach of a shot.

Smith tracking his way across the pitch appeared to have over run the ball which rolled into the path of the overlapping Reed wide left who thundered a left foot shot across Robins keeper Darren Chitty into the far corner from 25 yards.

This gave Weymouth impetus and both Smith and Critchell went close before the break, and they went further ahead on 54 minutes when Josh Bingham accidentally slipped as he went to challenge Mark Ford as he motored into the left corner of the penalty area.

His momentum resulted in him clipping the striker's right foot with his arms as he fell, and referee Gary Parsons had no option but to award a spot-kick from which Smith sent Chitty the wrong way.

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In the final game Holy Trinity managed to penetrate the St Augustine defence on a number of occasions.

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First schools tag rugby a success

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club held its first inter school tag rugby friendly match of the year between Holy Trinity and St Augustine at Monmouth Avenue.

This took the form of three games that ended 2-1, 2-2, 5-1 in favour of Holy Trinity.

The first game saw both teams holding a solid defence with Holy Trinity scoring a try on the blow of half time to take the lead.

St Augustine came out strongly at the start of the second-half and some quick passing soon saw them at the Holy Trinity try line to level the scores.

The two evenly matched teams played hard with some delightful rugby that eventually lead to a Holy Trinity scoring the winning try.

The second game once again saw Holy Trinity take the lead in the first-half with some amazing long passes that landed to players in open space to go on and score a well deserved try.

The second-half saw St Augustine play some great ball handling skills and a fantastic try using blistering pace from one end of the pitch to the other.

Further try's from both teams lead to a 2-

WEYMOUTH RUGBY

Weymouth just edged out

WOOTTON BASSETT 24 WEYMOUTH 8

THIS was a much improved performance by Weymouth who have not played well since the turn of the year, and despite missing seven key players were in the game until the last minute when the hosts secured the points with a converted try.

The Seadiders went 12-0 down within the first ten minutes, but recovered their composure to score an unconverted try through scrum-half Craig Barter, before Mick Sheppard converted a penalty. Wootton scored again before the break to make it 17-8 at half-time.

The second-half was end-to-end stuff with both sides creating a number of chances, and it was not until the last minute that Wootton broke away to ensure victory.

Barter playing his first game following an injury in the Dorset & Wilts Cup Final, and forward Gary Hamblin were the pick for Weymouth.

Head coach Paul Harding said: "It was a real end to end game with both sides creating a number of chances, but in the end I think they were a little more clinical that us."

"This was a much improved performance on recent weeks, we were in with a chance almost until the final whistle."

Dorchester complete the double

WEYMOUTH 2ND 0 DORCHESTER 2ND 34

DORCHESTER completed a comfortable league double over their local rivals.

Weymouth had their chances but for once their strikers were off target and to add to their worries had Ed Palmer sent-off for two yellow card offences.

They were behind in the fifth minute when Adam Marriott turned Ashley Wells inside out on the left wing. His low cross bounced just in front of keeper Simon Evans who could only parry the ball to the inrushing David Prada who shot home from close angle.

Ben Joyce had a great chance to equalise when Dave Theobold missed Wells' through ball allowing the striker a free run at goal.

However the striker used his left foot and screwed the ball wide when his right foot would have maybe been the better option.

At the other end Tom Pepper fired across the face of the goal before Liam Hurst after more trickery down the opposite wing crossed to the unmarked Theobold who could only volley tamely into Evans' midriff from six yards.

Weymouth had a strong claim for a penalty when the ball came off Nightingale's foot and up on to his arm as he tried to clear, but the referee ignored the Terras claims. Palmer then received his first yellow card on the cusp of the interval for a mistimed tackle.

Iean Lewis almost doubled the hosts lead soon after the break when he was allowed to run from his own half unchallenged before striking the top of the crossbar from 20 yards.

Palmer received a second yellow just after the hour for a hefty challenge on Marriott which made the Terras task even harder, and almost immediately it took a fine last ditch tackle from Wells to deflect Marriott's shot over the bar.

Evans was then forced into a brilliant point blank save from Craig Hammond.

Ten minutes from time Nightingale made sure of the points for Cambridge when he converted from the penalty spot after Sam Poole had fouled.

This was a blow to the Terras who had hoped to at least maintain league position parity with their hosts, but drop a spot to eighth.

The bonus point was wrapped up shortly before the break when Toby Waddington ran a clever line to carve open the defence to make the half-time score 27-0.

Weymouth made some very good tactical changes for the break and stopped kicking away their possession and kept the ball tight and made excellent ground. Had they played like this in the first half the outcome may have been a lot different.

With their back row and midfield constantly getting over the gain line it allowed them to be camped on Dorchester's 5 metre line for a sustained period of pressure.

However the visitors defence was more than up to the task and it was amazing that they didn't concede a penalty, in fact it was Weymouth who finally infringed for holding on.

Minutes later Ali Vivian crashed over for the only score of the half, which Cree converted.

This was a terrific team performance from a Dorchester's 2nd team that contained 15 players who are a product of the clubs youth section, six of whom are currently playing Under 18s rugby. The Weymouth side also contained three colts players, Ben Waller, Charlie Parkinson and Matt Dobson. Highwood Man of the Match: Joe Underhill



■ WINNING COMBINATION: The winning Burns Team, from left - Andy Chambers, Alex Hayne, Kevin Grimshaw.

THE poor weather and a very wet course has caused many matches at Weymouth Golf club to be abandoned over the last few weeks.

However, one or two did manage to be played and the Burns Team of three competition was a close run affair with only one point separating the top three teams.

The winning trio were Andy Chambers, Alex Hayne and Kevin Grimshaw, carding 78 points. John Bishop, Jamie Herring and Steve Whyte pipped Simon Etherington, Neil Winspear and

Jason Pring on countback with 77 points. Sam Houston produced some of the best shots of the weekend with three 2s on his card.

The Ladies' Mail on Sunday team played at Bridport on one of the few sunny days of the year and won their match ½ to 1½.

Due to the inclement weather the deadline for playing the first round has been extended to February 17th, so the team await with interest to see who their opponents will be in Round 2.

Jason Pring on countback with 77 points. Sam Houston produced some of the best shots of the weekend with three 2s on his card.

Further try's from both teams lead to a 2-



■ CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Tag rugby action between Holy Trinity and St Augustines.

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INSIDE: Terras match reports v Frome and Cambridge

Terras stand firm on proposed move

WEYMOUTH Football Club have declared their objections to the proposed move of the club to a new site at Lodmoor Park whilst confirming their preference to stay at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

Their views were made in two letters addressed to West Dorset District Council formally objecting to the planning application submitted by Wessex Delivery Partnership (WDP) on their plans to move the club to Lodmoor where they would provide a new stadium, and the development of the current site at Radipole Lake which encompasses their current ground, where they would build up to 200 new houses.

With regards to staying at their current site they said: "WFC wish to remain at the Bob Lucas Stadium site (formerly the Wessex) which is a perfectly suitable site for a football stadium - well served by parking and not likely to generate any amenity problems for nearby households or environmentally sensitive areas.

"The Club would, of course, like to see improved facilities but considers that there is scope to achieve this on or in the vicinity of the

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present site and to secure further investment by bringing in other community, recreational and commercial uses that would benefit not only WFC but also the residents of both Chick-ell and Weymouth."

They are also aware of the historical issues regarding the site and that the land has historical leisure and recreational covenants that should be supported particularly as there are other suitable sites already earmarked for housing.

"We are aware from the 2006 and current draft Local Plans that WDDC (and for that matter, WPBC) have and are making adequate provision to meet housing needs on far more sustainable and appropriate sites without taking historical leisure and recreational land.

"It seems that the above mentioned PA is not being driven by sustainability or localism considerations. The proposal is not in the interests of our two communities."

It also objects to WDP's amended plans for Lodmoor, believing they neither provide the standard of facilities that they wish, and that the area is unsuitable.

"Based on all information currently available to the Club there are no assurances that the Lodmoor site can actually deliver sustainable new facilities to the required standards.

"The Club has very strong concerns that, even if planning consent could be secured at this location, the land remediation, drainage and all construction costs would combine to leave it seriously disadvantaged in terms of the quality of the facility that would result.

"The parking area over which WFC would have control is considered inadequate – particularly for games with a large gate.

"Furthermore, the Lodmoor site is considered unsuitable in terms of accessibility and is also considered to not have genuine potential to generate and sustain a reasonable level of other (non-football) income streams.

"The Lodmoor site is exposed and potentially at risk of flooding. All of our concerns are already identified by Carl Dallison of WPBC."



■ CHAMPIONS: The Holy Trinity team which won the recent schools Tag Rugby festival at Weymouth RFC, see report inside on page 39 Photo by CHRIS DAVIS

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